

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Appln. Of: STANGIER, T. et al.

National Stage of
PCT Application No.: PCT/DE00/03222

For: BEARING DEVICE

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BOX PCT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and prior to calculation of fees, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made to the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5, as follows:

- ~~5. (Amended). A bearing device as set forth in claim 1 characterised in that it has a sealing edge (17).~~

~~Please add new claims 7-9, as follows:~~

- ~~7. A bearing device as set forth in claim 2 characterised in that it has a sealing edge (17).~~

~~8. A bearing device as set forth in claim 3 characterised in that it has a sealing edge (17).~~

~~9. A bearing device as set forth in claim 4 characterised in that it has a sealing edge (17).~~